

**METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR EFFICIENT
ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING OF SOFTWARE PROJECT
EFFORTS INVOLVING EXISTING SOFTWARE**

ABSTRACT

5 A method (and structure) of estimating a cost related to at least one of computer software development, maintenance, and information technology services. A section of computer code is read in accordance with a sampling technique. The cost for a larger subset of the computer code is calculated from the sampling. At least one of the reading, sampling, and calculating is executed
10 on a computer.

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